

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 6, 2005. Claims 60 to 64 are in the application, of which Claim 60 is independent. Claims 65 to 72 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 60 has been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 60 to 64 have been allowed. Claim 60 has been amended merely to correct a typographical error. Accordingly, Claims 60 to 64 are believed to remain in condition for allowance.

Claims 65 to 72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,871,587 (Hasegawa). The rejection is respectfully traversed, and has been obviated by the cancellation of Claims 65 to 72.

The Examiner has not yet indicated his consideration of the foreign patent documents cited in the July 15, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement. Lines were drawn through these citations on the copy of the Form PTO-1449 returned with the Office Action.

Applicants submit that the Information Disclosure Statement is in conformance with MPEP § 609. Copies of the foreign documents need not be submitted, since copies were provided in the parent application, and since the Information Disclosure Statement properly identifies the parent application. See MPEP § 609 III A (2) and C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

In a telephone conversation with Applicants' undersigned representative, the Examiner agreed to indicate his consideration of the foreign patent documents in the next Office communication. Accordingly, such action is courteously solicited. A copy of the

Form PTO-1449 is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		4,805,556	02/21/89	Hagan et al.	118	725	
		5,267,292	11/30/93	Tanaka et al.	378	34	
		5,871,587	02/16/99	Hasegawa et al.	118	719	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		2-156625	06/15/90	Japan			
		8-264404	10/11/96	Japan			
		39 40 405 A1	06/13/90	Germany			

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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